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SHIP ADVERTISEMENTS.

ROYAL MAIL STEAMER COMPANY—OVERLAND ROUTE.
The Royal Mail steamer EMERU THOMAS SWAN, Master, commander, will be despatched from Liverpool, calling at intermediate ports on THURSDAY, 1st of NOVEMBER, at ONE P.M. precisely.

Rates of passage money: £300 to SOUTHAMPTON; £50 to MAREBELL. European servants half-hire; native domestics £100 each.

Passengers may have their tickets endorsed to remain a month at any intermediate port.

The mode of transit through Egypt is as follows:—Between Suez and 14 Station in the Desert, a distance of 100 miles, by rail, and from thence the whole way by Alexandria's railway.

For further particulars see guide book, which may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

CHAMPION WETTON, Superintendent.

BALEINER STEAM FERRIES.—From half-past 6 A.M. to the morning of 10th at noon, the Iron steamer BALEINER, Captain Mr. J. H. BALEINER, will sail, by way of Liverpool, Pares 2d., and after 7 o'clock 3d. only. 12 tickets for 1s. 6d. GROBY BONAMY, coal and lumber merchant, Balaian, N.S.W.—Furniture moved, and freight conveyed at the lowest rates.

PAREMATA STREAMERS.—The swift steamers PAREMATA and PAREMATA, now fast, having been

in the morning to 10 at noon, will sail from Liverpool, on Saturday, 13th October, 1858, at 8 A.M.

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TEAM TO MANLY BEACH.—Commissions Beach, on THURSDAY, 12th OCTOBER, SATURDAY, and also SUNDAY in each week.

Leaving Sydney, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., calling at Woolloomooloo Bay, and returning from Manly, at noon, and 5 p.m. Price, 1s. 6d. Is. 6d.; children, 1s. each.

It is intended, during the summer months, (to commence soon in November), to make Four Trips daily, thus greatly increasing the opportunity of visiting the famous beach of Manly.

Steam Wharf.

TEAMS FROM THE PHENIX WHARF.

To the CLYDE RIVER, THIS DAY, at 1 p.m., and

TO-MORROW, at the same hour.

For MORPETH, TO-MORROW (Thursday) MORNING, at 7 o'clock.

H. E. N. & Co.'s Wharf, foot of Market-street.

TEAM TO THE CLYDE RIVER.—To BRAIDWOOD, THIS DAY, and TO-MORROW and SATURDAY at the same hour.

KIRKHAM, on THURSDAY, 11th October.

STEAMER LIVELINGE RIVER.—The steamer GRAFTON, Captain WISMAN, will leave the Grafton Wharf, on WEDNESDAY, 20th instant, at 8 P.M.

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TEAM TO M. C. MUNN'S STEAMERS.

TO THE HUNTER.—The PATERSON, for

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BRIBRABRAB WATER, on FRIDAY, at 8 A.M.

BUDDULAHIA, on SATURDAY, at 1 p.m.

FEARMBULIA, TWOFOLD BAY, on SATURDAY, at 1 p.m.

For FORT MACQUARIE, on THURSDAY, 4th October.

WHITE HALL LINE OF SOUTH SEA ISLAND PACKET.—GRATIA. Captain ROGERS, for PINEAPPLE ISLANDS, will sail on SATURDAY, 13th October, 1858. The above small brig will be ready to receive cargo on THURSDAY next, and sail on SATURDAY, 25th October.

FOR NEW PLYMOUTH (under contract with the Provincial Government of New Zealand).—The clipper schooner KATE KEARNEY, THOMAS DUGGAN, master, is now ready to receive cargo at Macquarie Wharf, and will sail on MONDAY, the 25th instant.

For freight or passage apply to R. T. FORD, 13, Exchange-street.

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Those who would still clamour for it as it came up from the Assembly are bound to show how it would have been possible to carry it into effect. Do they wish that country constituents should be disfranchised by the creation of fictitious votes?—that men should be able to cross the border by hundreds, and, in virtue of their tenure in common of a freehold estate worth sixpence sterling, swamp the resident electors? Such was the provision of the 9th clause.

Do they desire that without even the presence of a freehold, by a mere leasehold of six months' possession, but not of the value of one shilling—any number of votes should be created? Do they wish that every person, who may become entitled to charitable assistance—not as a pauper, but a brother, who has a grant, for instance, from any fund in which any discretionary power is exercised—shall, whatever circumstances may have entitled him to this consideration, be deprived of his vote as a citizen? Such was the 9th clause of the bill. We are sure that there would be few persons in this colony who would be found advocating such a system of representation. Then, what objections are there to the amendments made by the Upper House? Mr. DRAIS THOMSON proposed that a person on the roll should not be disturbed in his right, until a new enrolment. Twenty-four members to eight voted with him. Is this change in favour of the enfranchisement or is it not? Does it not at once sweep away a hundred difficulties? How many have gone to the poll and found themselves divested of their vote for want of some such provision? Mr. THOMSON has proposed to attach a vote to the disposal of £50 in the Savings' Bank. Is it not notorious that the class of persons using the Savings' Bank are professedly the *proteges* of our reformers? Do they wish to prevent the "poor man," so-called, from enjoying the suffrage for money deposited with the State while they would grant the suffrage to a fictitious freehold? Mr. THOMSON carried an amendment which gives a title to enrolment to those who may not have been for six months in one particular tenancy if they have for six months been tenants within the district. It is true that this does not provide for the occasional intervals which occur in occupation, or where persons shift from one part of the city to another. Still it is a vast improvement on the former scheme, which exposed a vote to innumerable casuities.

Mr. HOLDEN carried an amendment to secure to persons in the condition of servants, but in the occupation of tenements as part of their wages, the right to vote. Is this to be considered a domination over the people? The salary qualification has been preserved, but is this an aristocratical provision? Are not persons in the receipt of a salary generally men who stand between two ranks—between the capitalist and the labourer—having much more sympathy with the popular theory of wages than with the scientific theory of capital.

We do not ask any persons to support the amendments who think them pernicious. Certainly not. If these amendments are deemed so to detract from the value of the bill, that it will not be a settlement of the question of reform, we hope it will be rejected. There will be found, no doubt, persons to threaten us with a new Reform Bill next year—with continual agitation, and therefore with an indefinite postponement of all those great material reforms which are of infinitely more value to society at large. If the Ministry take up this position, and pretend that the amendments have been forced upon them, and that they are accepted in the spirit of martyrdom, we see no advantage in the bill at all. As it stands, it is a concession to theory, and to a theory surmounted with many dangers—a theory the application of which will probably shake the colony to its centre. But those who accept it do so as a measure of peace. They hope that the good sense of the people will be found perhaps a safer guard to great principles and interests than any constitutional forms. If, however, those who profess to be the leaders of this Parliamentary Reform intend to make it a perpetual rallying cry and the medium of incessant change, the bill is not worth a straw; and if those by whom it was originated wish for its destruction it is a pity that they should not be allowed to indulge their wishes by any interference from the other side. In our opinion the suffrage has gone to the utmost reasonable limits, and any further extension would be only to include the elements of danger and dishonour. By this bill we fear that we shall have a House substantially of one interest and one character; that all these thousand considerations which are necessary in the government of the country will be trampled down in the ruthless competition for power and the perpetual eagerness for organic change. If the experience of statesmen affords the slightest guidance and warning to the people, it will be found that the irresistible ascendancy of any party in the state is the destruction of personal liberty—dangerous to property, and ultimately acts with fearful power upon the most numerous classes of society who, whatever may be their prejudices to the contrary, depend upon property for their prosperity.

STATISTICS OF NEW SOUTH WALES. No. V.—**SUMMARY.** Besides the usual tables of the shipping inwards and outwards in each of the last ten years, we have now six new tables exhibiting a variety of particulars connected with the shipping movements in the year 1857. The first and second show the countries from which vessels entered inwards and to which vessels cleared outwards; the third and fourth the nations to which the vessels belonged; the fifth and sixth the ports of the colony into which they entered or from which they cleared.

The first and second will be included in our summary of the ten years' transactions. The third and fourth may be epitomised thus:

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS—YEAR 1857.

INWARDS. OUTWARDS.

	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
British	96	230,397	104	307,519
French	14	5,109	13	4,618
United States	61	35,845	61	35,849
Other States	61	29,651	58	29,651
Totals	1100	351,413	1204	377,147

The consensual proportions of the aggregate tonnage were—British, 81; French, 1; United States, 10; other foreign States, 8. Or, British tonnage was four in five. Foreign tonnage, one in five.

The several ports of the colony with which the ships traded are indicated as follows:

PORE OR ENTRY AND CLEARANCE—YEAR 1857.

INWARDS. OUTWARDS.

	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
Sydney	782	256,756	761	297,714
Moreson Bay	12	8,685	11	6,616
Twofold Bay	6	1,414	19	4,472
Newcastle	290	47,978	393	68,646
Totals	1100	351,413	1204	377,147

Of the whole tonnage, inwards and outwards,

Sydney here shows eighty-one per cent., Newcastle sixteen, Moreson Bay two, and Twofold Bay one. This being the first return of the kind, we have not the means of comparing these proportions with those of previous years.

The number and tonnage of vessels entered and cleared at all the ports of the colony in each of the last ten years were as follows:

OUTWARDS.

	Ships.	Tons.	Ships.	Tons.
1848	527	131,656	492	132,228
1849	414	121,904	447	131,147
1850	421	128,186	505	175,762
1851	553	153,002	501	139,020
1852	197	136,366	721	176,720
Five years 1826	730,203	2656	756,117	

The number of ships entered inwards and cleared outwards last year, shows a decrease on the year preceding of 58; but the tonnage an increase of 70,768 tons, or nearly eleven per cent.

The aggregates of each half of the decennium were—

	INWARDS AND OUTWARDS.
Ship.	Tons.
First five years	5,292
Last five years	11,282
Increase	5,990

The number of ships trading with the respective countries were as under:

	INWARDS.	INWARDS.	First 5 yrs.	Last 5 yrs.	Increase
Great Britain	124,463	182,535	47		
New Zealand	162,393	120,494	38		
Other colonies	256,372	272,028	23		
South Sea Islands	22,425	38,792	73		
Fisheries	72,694	19,097	(dec)		
United States	53,245	21,665	(dec)		
Other Foreign States	65,573	80,208	44		
Overseas.	67,212	168,922	151		

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SEWERS.—From 5s. to 1/-, of excellent quality, WALSH and SON, York-street.

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RANDY.—The undersigned having been appointed Agents in New South Wales for Messrs. JULES ROBIN & Co., of Cognac (France), Distillers of Brandy, are prepared to receive orders for them, the execution of which will be promptly attended to. Their first shipment to this market, which is now expected, is for sale, and applies to approved quality, and the undersigned confidently believe to be equal if not superior to the best brands imported into this colony. LENDER, MULLER, and CO., King-street, corner of Commercial Wharf.

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VD. LAND Pressed Oaten, the Campbellsown ditto, G. M. and CO., E. H. POLLARD, Queen-street.

HOMOEOPATHY.—All Homoeopathic Medicines, in the various preparations; Medicine Cases, of all sizes; Domestic Medicine Guides; the Homoeopathic Materia Medica, and most of the works published on this science, may be obtained at the Colonial Pharmacy, Government, opposite Bridge-street, BELL and BUNTLBY.

SALM.—Druggists, Perfumers, Whitechapel, &c., Coach Factory, 357, Bourke-street, near the Iron Church.

FLICKETS, FEATHERS, Straw Bonnets, and Hats, of every description, on SALE, at the Stores of GREGORY, CUBITT, and CO., manufacturers and importers, Wyndham-street, Sydney, and 15, Aldermanbury, London.

TO SUPPLIERS AND SPOTLERS.—For the undersigned, W. MORT and CO., 175, Pitt-street.

PORCELS. Washing Crystal, per dozen, 2s. per gross, Laboratory, 95, George-street.

LIQUID CREAM for the Tea-chamber, sold in bottles, by Mr. J. EMANUEL, Dental, George-street North.

ANOTHER REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF FUEL.—H. R. WHITFIELD most respectfully invites attention to the following:—

An allowance at the rate of one shilling per ton or load, if delivered direct.

£1/- per ton for the best screened Newcastle coal.

£1 12/- ditto household coke, recommended.

£1 8/- ditto, second quality, very good.

19/- blacksmiths', through a large screen.

£1 per ton for the best coke, lime, junks, or cut.

10/- ditto, for second quality of wood.

Charcoal, coke, and breeze, equally cheap.

N.B.—Weight guaranteed; every bag weighed.

WHITFIELD'S Fuel Shops, Bathurst-street, right hand side.

QUAL COALS, COALS.—Having made a considerable reduction in the prices of their coal, and will do so until they are sold out, before giving delivery, to insure the sale of prices to be seen on the wharf, SHOHERT'S Coal Depot, Maitland Wharf, Sack-street, near Market-street.

TO CONSUMERS OF COKE AND BREEZE.—Persons accustomed to send their own carts to the Gas Works for Coke or Breeze are respectfully informed that they may be supplied with equal safety from the Gas Works, a little south of the Gas Works, Gas Works, 4th Cocher.

IMPORTANT TO BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, &c.—W. FAIRFAX and SON are prepared to execute orders for Joiners' work to any extent, at the present price.

MOULDINGS, BIRTINGS, ARCHITRAVES, Casements, Venetian Shutters, Doors, &c., of every design and description, in Oak, Pine, and Cedar, and all sorts of all-sawned in building operations to their new and powerful machinery, their establishment being the most extensive and complete in the colonies. Steam Milling Mills, Woolloomooloo Bay.

CEDAR.—Prime Richmond River Cedar in log for sale. C. H. GREEN, Paul's Wharf, Drift-street.

100,000 FEET Baltic, American flooring and paneling, at C. ADRAIN'S Auction Mart, King-street.

100,000 FEET Baltic, and Oregon paneling, boards, W. R. ROLFE, Circular Quay.

120,000 FEET Sawn Cedar, doors, sashes, moldings, ROLFE, Circular Quay.

90,000 FEET Clear pine, all thicknesses, planks, &c., ROLFE, Circular Quay.

200,000 FEET Colonial hardware, plinches, hatches, laths, ROLFE, Circular Quay.

COALS, COKE, FIREWOOD, cut or uncut; Charcoal and Breeze, always on hand. DENT.—A. A. Company's Wharf, Miller's Point. Officer—Commercial Chambers, opposite the Exchange. DUGUID and MANSON.

1,000,000 (ONE MILLION) FEET TIMBER, for every description at lowest prices. W. FAIRFAX and SON.

COTTAGE-BRICKS, complete, for 2/- per thousand, ready for immediate sale. W. FAIRFAX and SON.

600,000 FEET Plaster of Paris, and best Portland Cement, BROOMFIELD and WHITAKER.

TO CABINET MAKERS.—Turned work of every description at ROLFE'S Timber Yard, Circular Quay.

WEATHER BOARD COTTAGES and STORES, and other articles, of the best materials, £100 per ton, £10 per ton, 14/- thick, impervious to heat or wet, suitable to any climate, at moderate rates. Terms per ton. W. FAIRFAX and SON.

50,000 BEST Banister Staves, at greatly reduced prices. BROOMFIELD and WHITAKER.

500,000 FEET White, Pitch, and Oregon Pine tongued and grooved boards, doors and sashes.

300,000 FEET Clear Pine, planed, 3, 3, 1, 12, 12 in. 2 inche; H. T. shingles.

150,000 FEET Pitch Pine, Oregon, and Colonial W. Board, Paling, Battens, Fingles.

500,000 FEET Colonial Hardwood and 6-foot Palling, BROOMFIELD and WHITAKER.

NOTICE TO FAMILIES.—The best Hobart Town Potates.—The only lot from Hobart Town now on SALE by the undersigned, at prices much lower than they can be bought elsewhere. W. H. HINDMARSH, Fleur Company's Wharf.

SPROVINCIALS.—An assortment of Photographic Materials, consisting of cameras, lenses, glass plates, and every description of goods used in the photographic art, constantly on SALE. Collodotypes, stereoscopic portraits, &c., &c., taken daily at BACHELIER, BROTHERS, 18, George-street.

WASHING CRISTAL, at J. C. HORNERS, Chemist, William-street, Victoria.

RONBAKES, THIEBREK.—For 5/-, by private contract, about 170 tons of iron, and steel, and sheet iron, 100 ft. by 20 to 60 feet length, 12 to 15 lbs square at Honeycomb Point, Newcastle. App to WILLIAM WRIGHT.

ROGGS, HOOPS.—Estimates given for slating, chipping, ironing, &c., R. WYNNE New Pitt-street.

COALS.—170 tons of Lancashire Coal, low landing, ex David McIver, from Liverpool, in SALE by WILLIS MEBRY, and CO, Exchange, 7th October.

FLOUR.—Very superior Fine and Household Flour, pure, and not to be surpassed by any in the market, in quantities to suit purchasers, at the Prudential Mart, Sussex-street, PITTCRAFT and WILLIAMS, auctioneers, brokers, and commission agents.

FITZROY DIGGINGS.—Supplies for Gold Diggers. Collins' American picks, shovels, and axes.

Simmons' single and double end picks.

Projector's pick, and other picks.

Galvanized buckets, gold scales and weights.

California cradles, on improved principles, made to order.

At J. KEELEY'S, wholesale and retail ironmongers, 44, Pitt-street, North.

FOR SALE, by the Undersigned.—

Vertical boring machine.

Vertical saw frame, to cut 31 feet.

Stone cutting machine.

Brick-making machine.

Patent dredging cranes of 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 tons power.

WILLIAM MACDONALD, general importer, 10 Macquarie-place, Circular Quay.

LYON SALTS, at Gloucester, Port Stephen, 60 miles from Raymond Terrace.

80 to 100 working bullocks.

2000 pairs of dray and mule harnesses.

2000 broad and narrow leather bags.

2000 leather bags.

SALES BY AUCTION.

Auction Sale Books and Books.
100 Packets Davison's Soap, New Smaller Goods.
No Landing or Clarence.

For Positive Unreserved Sale, by order of the Importers.

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO. have received instructions from the importers to sell by auction, at their Rooms, Pitt and O'Connell streets, on THURSDAY, the 20th instant, at 11 o'clock precisely, 185 packages new and fashionable drapery, &c., consisting of:

Printed muslins
French gauze
Pique
Boucle ribbons
Satins
Sewed muslins
Flounced, gathered dresses
Plain French gauze
Monroe Norwich barge dresses
Printed dolaines
6-4 black alpacas
Ditto ditto, light
4-4 blue and brown holland
Inlinen damasks
3-4 ditto dolls and drills
5-4 pillow linens
3-4 cotton ticks
35 pairs of velvet valances
22, 30, and 33 inch grey
8-4 cotton sheetings
Baby lines
Women's and girl's underclothing
Ditto ditto, ditto
Men's brown cotton half-sacks
Boiled shirtings
Prints
Window holland
6-4 wool oil baizes
4-4 silk oil baizes
Men's printed regatta and Swiss front shirts
Ditto white ditto, W. and B.
Paxton and Piccadilly collars
Boys' and youth's mohair trousers
Men's ditto
Ditto white drill ditto
Ditto fancy tweed and ditto
Children's shepherd plaid coats
Boys' and youth's fancy doe and tweed sacs
Men's ditto
Ditto alpaca ditto
Ditto silk warp ditto
Boys' and youth's cloth caps
Men's Panama hats
Ditto ditto narrow leaf
Ditto cabbage-tree ditto

Terms—

Under £100, cash
Above £100 and under £100, 2, 3, and 4 months
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Above £100 and under £100, per annum
Above £100, 4 months.

100 bags fine new Chilian walnuts, just arrived, ex Fernand.

Primes Irish Pork.

To Ship Owners, Provision Dealers, Storekeepers, and others.

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO. will sell by auction, at their Warehouses, Pitt and O'Connell streets, on THURSDAY, 21st October, at 11 o'clock.

50 barrels prime Irish pork.

Terms at sale.

Primo York Ham.

Terms at sale.

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12 cases Robinson's and Grivin's hams

5 ditto Sinclair's ditto.

Terms at sale.

30 casks Soda Crystals.

Terms at sale.

For Sale by Auction on THURSDAY next.

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THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1858.

MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLE.

Tuesday Evening.
The half-yearly general meeting of the shareholders of the New South Wales Marine Assurance Company will be held to-morrow (this day), at eleven o'clock.

Messrs. Mort & Co. sold to-day, by auction, Sherwood Station, situated about 25 miles from Grafton, with 1050 head of cattle, at £2 4s. per head.

Since the arrival of the mail, a considerable decline has taken place in the price of brandy. Hennessy's brandy we hear has been offered as low as 9s. per gallon, and Martell's at 10s. Low and inferior brandies, of which our stocks are very large, are almost unsaleable and prices nominal.

The *Gazette* of to-day contained the bank returns of the following banks, made up from the weekly statements, kept in pursuance of the Act of the Governor and Council, 4th Vic., No. 18, viz.:—

ENGLISH, SCOTTISH, AND AUSTRALIAN CHARTERED BANK.—General abstract, showing the average amount of liabilities and assets during the quarter, from 30th June to 30th September, 1858. Liabilities: Notes in circulation, not bearing interest, £22,680 12s. 4d.; bearing interest, none; bills in circulation, not bearing interest, £1,996 17s. 8d.; bearing interest, none; deposits, not bearing interest, £65,778 9s. 7d.; bearing interest, £127,300 18s. 11d.; total amount of liabilities, £227,758 18s. 6d. Assets: Coined gold and silver, and other coined metals, £68,489 6s. 3d.; gold and silver in bullion or bars, none; landed property, £26,486 2s. 2d.; notes and bills of other banks, £390 13s. 10d.; balances due from other banks, £220,000; amount of bills with other debts, £1,066 17s. 8d.; total amount of assets, £543,971 19s. 8d. Amount of the capital stock paid up at date of last advice from London, £500,000; rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 6 per cent. per annum; amount of the last dividend declared, £15,000; amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £10,311 7s.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.—General abstract, showing the average amount of liabilities and assets during the quarter, from 30th June to 30th September, 1858. Liabilities: Notes in circulation not bearing interest, £5,728; bearing interest, none; bills in circulation, not bearing interest, £2049 17s. 9d.; bearing interest, none; balances due to other banks and branches, £12,107 16s. 8d.; deposits not bearing interest, £77,418 0s. 8d.; bearing interest, £267,414 18s. 3d.; total amount of liabilities, £648,918 13s. 4d. Assets: Coined gold and silver, and other coined metals, £172,839 6s. 3d.; gold and silver in bullion or bars, £3,685 0s. 4d.; landed property, £24,443 0s. 9d.; notes and bills of other banks, £24,283; balances due from other banks and branches, £129,386 9s. 1d.; amount of all debts due to the bank, including notes, bills of exchange, and all stock and funded debts of every description, except notes, bills, and balances due to the said bank from other banks, £268,605 17s. 5d.; total amount of assets, £543,971 19s. 8d. Amount of the capital stock paid up at this date, £1,260,000; rate of the last dividend declared to the shareholders, 14 per cent. per annum; amount of last dividend declared, £88,200; amount of the reserved profits at the time of declaring such dividend, £252,000.

By the London, we have news from Melbourne to the 16th instant.

The Customs Revenue for the past week, amounted to £28,420 0s. 6d.

The quantity of gold-dust received by Escort during the week, was 58,448 ounces 10 dwt.

From the *Argus*, we take the following items of commercial intelligence:—

The annual general meeting of the proprietors of the National Bank of Australia, held on the 1st instant, paratively few shareholders attended. The report of the Committee was read, and a long discussion followed, during which Mr. Black, the manager, recommended to the shareholders to send to the Board of Directors a resolution by parliamentary action, that their efforts to procure the resignation of the Board of Directors should not be relinquished; their efforts to procure the resignation of the Board of Directors having failed. The shareholders, however, decided on opening their deliberations with a vote of thanks to the Board of Directors for the preliminary arrangements for that purpose are nearly completed. Letters have been received by the mails from England, from the Bank of England, and from the Bank of Australia, announcing the taking up of a considerable number of shares by influential merchants and capitalists of the day.

At the half-yearly meeting of the proprietors of the Colonial Bank of Australia, a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum was declared, and the dividend for the past half-year unanimously adopted. The net profit for the year was £11,451. The sum of £5200 was carried forward to the next year.

There have not been any important shipments of gold this week, until to-day, when 27,211 ounces were cleared for England in the Victoria, via Suez. The shipments last week were:—

Oz. Oz. Oz.

By the Kent, for London 97,636

Queen of the Seas, to Calcutta 4,095

Vessel to Port Curtis 42

Previous week, by the *Empress of India*, for the

Colonial Bank of Australia 1,817,971

Total 1,946,705

Or, 81 tons troy, 3 grs. 7 lbs. 11 oz. troy, the value of which, at 8s per ounce, amounts to £87,799.19s. The total for the same period of last year was 87,799.19s. The sum of £8000 was carried forward to the next year.

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Or, 81 tons troy, 3 grs. 7 lbs. 11 oz. troy, the value of which, at 8s per ounce, amounts to £87,799.19s. The total for the same period of last year was 87,799.19s. The sum of £8000 was carried forward to the next year.

There have not been any important shipments of gold this week, until to-day, when 27,211 ounces were cleared for England in the Victoria, via Suez. The shipments last week were:—